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DIARY NOTES

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31 October 1961

1. After several talks with Larry Houston, Jim Garrison, and General Cabell, I obtained General Cabell's signature on a letter to the General Services Administration requesting that they proceed with a negotiated cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for the construction in connection with [REDACTED] H

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2. [REDACTED] reviewed with me his plans for moving to the new building, including his plan to leave behind secretarial help to assist Mr. Dulles with the disposition of his personal files after Mr. McCone becomes Director. Mr. Dulles contemplates becoming a full-time consultant effective the date Mr. McCone takes over, and I am sure that Mr. McCone will approve. The Director wants to employ a secretary after his official files are cleared out whom he will put on his personal payroll, as this salary would not be a proper charge against the Agency. Jack is handling this; however, I suggested that he explore the possibility of employing General Smith's old secretary, who, I understand, is available.

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4. I talked to Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] about renting a Cadillac limousine for Mr. McCone and instructed them to put as much pressure on General Motors as they could to get this done. H

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5. I had conversations with [REDACTED], Dick Bissell, and Bob Macy concerning withdrawals from the Reserve. These conversations grew out of a telephone call from Bob Macy in which he said that he was reluctant to meet with us on Thursday, 2 November, to consider a request inasmuch as he was not inclined to approve any additional releases until the basic decisions on our Fiscal Year 1963 Budget had been made. In addition to establishing the ceiling figure for Fiscal Year 1963, if it, in fact ends up to be in the neighborhood of [REDACTED] as now proposed, it will be necessary to reduce our Fiscal Year 1963 obligations still further in order to arrive at the [REDACTED]

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million level prior to 1 July 1962. His theory then is that should this be the case we would be able to absorb the cost of some of the projects for which we would otherwise request him to release. I suggested to Bob Macy that special consideration should be given to projects which would not effect our continuing base. He said that he thought this did deserve consideration but went no further in committing himself to the release.

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